

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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USDA CONSUMER PACK CUT-UP CHICKEN PURCHASE PROGRAM RE-OPENED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced that the purchase program under Announcement PY-219, as amended, for consumer pack cut-up chicken for domestic food nutrition assistance programs has re-opened.

Offers are invited from the trade for frozen, U.S. Grade A, cut-up chicken, 8-piece cut, with neck and giblets. The commodity must be packaged in tray pack-style containers and must be packed 12 packages in each fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will total 38,400 pounds (17,463 kg).

Invitation No. 025, inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Tuesday, Feb. 19 (due to the holiday on Monday for Federal employees), is being issued this week. The invitation will include destinations and estimated quantities for five delivery periods. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Feb. 22, for product to be delivered from April 1 to April 30 and from May 16 to June 30.

As stated in the September 21 Notice to the Trade, all offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted on and after October 1, 2001, by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended; Announcement PY-219, as amended; Appendix-1; and the Commodity Specification for Consumer Pack Cut-Up Chicken dated April 1998.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch Stop 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

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